

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In paragraph 2 of the present Office Action, the examiner notes that copies of the references cited in the information disclosure statement (IDS) filed July 25, 2001, were not included. However, the IDS filed July 25, 2001, properly identified earlier applications to which the present application claims priority, and the references were previously submitted in one or both of the priority applications cited in the IDS. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d), resubmission of the references is not believed necessary.